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FOURSCORE and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that

nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate—we cannot con-

secrete—we cannot hallow
—this ground. The brave
men, living and dead, who
struggled here have con-
secrated it far above our
poor power to add or de-
tract. The world will little
note nor long remember
what we say here, but it can
never forget what they did
here. It is for us, the living,
rather, to be dedicated here
to the unfinished work
which they who fought

here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new

birth of freedom; and that
government of the people,
by the people, for the peo-
ple, shall not perish from
the earth.

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